

REMARKS


Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees.

This Preliminary Amendment was filed to amend claims 6, 7, 14 and 15 to remove the improper multiple dependencies.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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